



Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation
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Financial Assistance from AHEAD Operation to University Teachers for Doctoral Studies - Round 03 – only for Faculties of Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, Law & Education

World Bank Sponsored Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Project provides financial assistance to permanent teachers (probationary and senior lecturers) of the HEI's coming within its purview, enabling them to read for PhD Degree programmes. Accordingly, applications are called by the AHEAD Operation from eligible candidates (with IELTS qualification and available placement) for the 3rd round of scholarship program. The implementation of this round will be subject to the restructuring of AHEAD Operation.

The Criteria is as follows:

- Entitled only for Foreign Doctoral (PhD) studies in English Medium including split site PhDs.
- Maximum grant limit per year per candidate is Rs.3,000,000 up to a maximum period of three years, including a maximum living stipend of Rs.1,500,000 per year for the period spent abroad.
- Maximum age limit of the candidate to the closing date of applications should be below 48 years.
- Achieve an IELTS overall score of 6.5 or more (minimum 6.0 for each band)

Application forms and guidelines for the funding scheme can be downloaded from the AHEAD website: <http://www.ahead.lk>. The deadline for receiving applications is 28th February 2020.

Further information or any clarification in this connection can be obtained from the AHEAD Operation (011-2432980).

Please bring this to the notice of relevant staff.

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CC: Director OTS – Please copy to Deans_ Social Sciences, Humanities, Fine Arts, Law & Education